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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Jacques MÜLLER et al.)
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For: ELECTRONIC TIMEPIECE)
INCLUDING A TIME RELATED)
DATA ITEM BASED ON A)
DECIMAL SYSTEM)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-captioned application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following new paragraph:

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-- US Patent No. 4 926 400 describes an electronic timepiece in accordance with
the preamble part of independent claim 1. This timepiece allows the display of a first
time related data item based on the H-M-S system and of a second time related data
item based on a non-decimal system in which time is divided into twenty-five 25ths of
a day. In accordance with table 1, column 3, of this document, one day (24 hours) is
divided into 25 "hours" of 60 "minutes" each, each "minute" including 57.6 seconds.
Every "minute", 2.4 seconds are thus "saved" so as to form an additional simulated
hour. The display modes of the "24h" and "25h" time related data items are identical.
Without any complementary indications, the user of such a timepiece will not be able to
clearly differentiate between these two time related data items. --